

Announcements
For the week of July 2, 2017

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Nelson and Edna Thibeaux celebrated 61 years of marriage on June 24th.

Adoration is the 1st Friday of the month, July 7th 12 noon until Saturday 12 noon. Come and spend some quite time with the Lord.

A Must See! The Life and Music of Legendary Gospel Singer Mahalia Jackson in a musical play, Friday, July 8th at 7pm at Cathedral of Faith Family Life Center. Tickets available at Bettie Jean's on Dowlen Rd.

Men's A.C.T.S Retreat on August 20, 2017 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. Contact Mike Jackson for more information and registration.

The Rectory will be closed and there will be no Bible Study on Tuesday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families.

Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements and information.

July 2, 2017

GOOD EVENING/GOOD MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS! (PAUSE)

WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).

BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S COLLECTION.

THEME:

Gathered here at God's invitation, we are disciples awaiting a word from God. So today we will hear more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus: We are to love Christ above all, and to take up our cross. Yet we do not do this alone. We have our community of faith to support us, even if it is only with a cup of cold water. Let us pray today that our sense of discipleship may be strengthened and deepened.

OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:

(Priest Name)

4:30 P.M.–Fr. Tino

7:00 A.M.-Fr. Paul

10:00 A.M.– Fr. Paul

AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:

While Jesus in Today's Gospel does call us to sacrifice, his emphasis (and that of the first reading) seems to be on the rewards that disciples can expect. Discipleship is not without cost, but God's gratitude is boundless. Let us listen today for what God is asking each of us to do, and let us pray for the willingness to do it without counting the cost.

INTECESSORY PRAYERS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Cycle A

July 1st-2nd, 2017

Priest: Let us come before our God with our prayers and petitions, for God will surely hear and answer us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ◆ For Pope Francis, as he leads our Church to focus ever more on Christ in our service to those on the peripheries of our world, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For our national leaders, that they might recall and live by the principles upon which our nation was founded two hundred forty-one years ago, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For freedom from violence on our street, in our public gathering places and in our homes, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For respect and welcome for the immigrant, refugees, and strangers among us, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That all who have died, especially **Rufus Williams** and **Willie Mae Alfred** and for the intentions of this Mass, **Alvin Chentlen, Linda Simon-Byrd, Carles and Bertha Broussard, Gabriel Savoir, Sr, Clara and Joseph Chassion**, that they may enjoy forever the heavenly banquet of the Lamb, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken ...*[pause 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...]*, we pray to the Lord...

Priest: Gracious God, you have given us abundant life. Help us to respond with lives of gratitude and humble service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

July 2, 2017

PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.

Remember to use the white bags for the collections.
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and
turn the count sheet in after the 10:00AM Mass**

This is very important. Secure collection after Mass

Second Collection

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